The Copy of an ACT *of* PARLIAMENT *passed in* Scotland *the 29th of* August 1681, *for Security of the* Protestant Religion *against* Papists *and* Phanaticks; *Together with the* OATH *to be taken by all Persons in Publick Trust.*

OUR Sovereign Lord, with his Estates of Parliament, considering that albeit by many good and wholsome Laws made by his Royal Grandfather and Father, of Glorious Memory, and by himself, in this and his other Parliaments, since his happy Restauration, the Protestant Religion is carefully asserted, established, and secured, against Popery and Phanaticisme; yet the restless Adversaries of our Religion do not cease to propagate their Errors, and to seduce His Majesties Subjects from their Duty to God and Loyalty to his Vicegerent, and to overturn the Established Religion, by introducing their Superstitions and Delusions into this Church and Kingdom; and knowing that nothing can more increase the numbers and confidencies of Papists and Schismatical Dissenters from the Established Church, than the supine neglect of putting in Execution the good Laws provided against them, together with their hopes to insinuate themselves into Offices and Places of Trust and Publick Employment; THEREFORE His Majesty, from his Princely and Pious Zeal to maintain and preserve the True Protestant Religion contained in the Confession of Faith recorded in the First Parliament of King JAMES the Sixth; which is founded on, and agreeable to the Written Word of God, both with Advice and Consent of his Estates of Parliament, Requires and Commands

all his Officers, Judges, and Magiſtrates, to put the Laws made againſt Popery and Papiſt Prieſts, Jeſuits, and all Perſons of any other Order in the Popiſh Church; eſpecially againſt Sayers and Hearers of Maſs, Venters and Diſpoſers of Forbidden Books, and Reſſetters of Popiſh Prieſts and Excommunicate Papiſts, as alſo againſt all Phanatical Separatiſts from this National Church, againſt Preachers at Houſe or Field Conventicles, and the Reſetters and Harbourers of Preachers who are Intercommuned, againſt Diſorderly Baptiſms and Marriages, and Irregular Ordinations, and all other Schiſmatical Diſorders, to full and vigorous Execution, according to the Tenor of the reſpective Acts of Parliament there annent provided.

AND that His Majeſties Princely Care to have theſe Laws put in Execution againſt theſe Enemies of the Proteſtant Religion, may the more clearly appear, he doth with Advice and Conſent foreſaid, STATUTE and ORDAIN, That the Miniſter of each Parish give up once in *October* yearly to their reſpective Ordinary, true and compleat Liſts of all Papiſts and Schiſmatical With-drawers from the Publick Worſhip in their reſpective Pariſhes; which Liſts are to be ſubſcribed by them: and that the Biſhops give in a Double of the ſaid Liſts ſubſcribed by them to the reſpective Sheriffs, Stuarts, Bailies of Royalty and Regality, and Magiſtrates of Burghs, to the effect the ſaid Judges may proceed againſt them according to Law; as alſo the Sheriffs and other Magiſtrates foreſaid, are hereby ordained to give an Account to His Majeſties Privy Council in *December* yearly of their Proceedings againſt theſe Papiſts and Phanatical Separatiſts, as they will be anſwerable at their higheſt Peril; and that the diligence done by the Sheriffs, Bailies of Regalities, and other Magiſtrates foreſaid, may be the better inquired into by the Council, the Biſhops of the reſpective Dioceſſes are to ſend exact Doubles of the Liſts of the Papiſts and Phanaticks to the Clarks of the Privy Council; whereby the diligencies of the Sheriffs and other Judges foreſaid, may be Comptrolled and Examined: And to cut off all hopes from Papiſts and Phanaticks of their being employed in Offices and Places of Publick Truſts, it is hereby STATUTE and ORDAINED, That the following Oath ſhall be taken by all Perſons in Offices and Places of Publick Truſt, Civil, Eccleſiaſtical, and Military; eſpecially by all Members of Parliament, and all Electors of Members of Parliament; all Privy Councellors, Lords of Seſſion, Members of the Exchequer, Lords of Juſticiary, and all other Members of theſe Courts, all Officers of the Crown, of State, all Arch-Biſhops and Biſhops, and all Preachers and Miniſters of the Goſpel whatſomever, all perſons of this Kingdom named or to be named Commiſſioners for the Borders; all Members of the Commiſſion for Church Affairs, all Sheriffs, Stuarts, Bailies of Royallties and Regallities, Juſtices of Peace, Officers of the Mint, Commiſſioners and their Deputies, their Clerks and Phiſcalls, all Advocates and Proctors before any of theſe Courts, all Writers to the Signet, all Publick Notaries; and other Perſons Imployed in Writing and Agenting, The Lyon King at Arms, Heraulds, Purſevants, and Meſſengers at Arms; all Collectors, Sub-Collectors, and Farmers of his Majeſties Cuſtoms and Exciſe, All Magiſtrates, Deans of Guilds, Councellors, and Clerks of Burghs, Royal Regality and Barony, and Deacons of Trades, and Deacons Conveeners in the ſaid Burghs, all Maſters and Doctors in Univerſi-

ties,

ties, Colledges, or Schools; all Chaplains in Families, Pedagogues to Children; and all Officers and Souldiers in Arms, Forts, or Militia; and all other persons in any Publick Trust or Office within this Kingdom, who shall publickly swear and subscribe the said Oath as follows: *Viz.*

The Arch Bishops, Chief Commanders of the Forces, and Officers of the Crown and State, and Councellors, before the Secret Councel, all the Lords of Session, and all Members of the Colledge of Justice, and others depending upon them, before the Session. The Lords of Justiciary, and those depending on that Court, the Lords and other Members of Exchequer before the Exchequer. All Bishops before the Arch Bishops, all the Inferiour Clergy, Commissaries, Masters and Doctors of Universities and Schools, Chaplains and Pedagogues, before the Bishops of the respective Dioceses: Sheriffs, Stuarts, Bailies of Royallity and Regallity, and those depending on these Jurisdictions, before these respective Courts.

All Provosts, Bailies and Ushers of the Burghs before the Town Councels All Collectors and Farmers of the Kings Customs and Excise, before the Exchequer; the Commissioners of the Borders before the Privy Councel, all Justices of Peace before their Conveener, and the Officers of the Mint, before the General of the Mint; and the Officers of the Forces before the Commander in Chief, and Common Souldiers before their Respective Officers, the Lyon before the Privy Councel, and Heralds Persuivants and Messengers at Arms before the Lyon: And his Majesty with Consent foresaid STATUTES and ORDAINS, That all those who presently possess or enjoy any of the foresaid Offices, Publick Trusts, or Employments, shall take and subscribe the following Oath in one of the foresaid Offices in manner before prescribed, betwixt and the First of *January* next, which is to be recorded in the Register of the respective Courts and Extracts thereof, under the Clarks hand, to be reported to His Majesties Privy Council, betwixt and the First of *March* next 1682. and thereafter in any other Courts, whereof they are Judges or Members, the first time they shall sit or exercise in any of these respective Courts. And ORDAINS, That all who shall hereafter be promoted to, or imployed in any of the foresaid Offices, Trusts, or Imployments, shall at their Entry into, and before their Exercising thereof, take and subscribe the said Oath in manner foresaid, to be recorded in the Registers of the respective Courts, and reported to His Majesties Privy Council, within the space of after their taking the same: And if any shall presume to exercise any of the said Offices or Employments, or any Publick Office or Trust within this Kingdom (the Kings lawful Brothers and Sons only excepted) until they take the Oath foresaid and subscribe it, to be recorded in the Register of the respective Courts, they shall be declared incapable of all Publick Trusts thereafter, and be further punished with the loss of their Moveables, the one half whereof to be given to the Informer, and the other half to belong to His Majesty. And His Majesty, with advice foresaid, Recommends to his Privy Council, to see this Act put to due and vigorous Execution.

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I A. B. *Solemnly Swear in Presence of the Eternal God, whom I Invocate as Judge and Witness of my Sincere Intentions in this my Oath;*

That I Allow and Sincerely Profess the True Protestant Religion *contained in the* Confession of Faith *Recorded in the First Parliament of King* James *the Sixth; And that I believe the same to be founded on and agreeable unto the Written Word of God; And I Promise and Swear, That I shall Adhere thereto all the dayes of my Life-time; And shall endeavor to Educate my Children therein; And shall never consent to any Alteration contrary thereto; And that I Disallow and Renounce all such Principles, Doctrines or Practices, whether* Popish *or* Fanatical, *which are contrary unto, and inconsistent with the said* Protestant Religion, *and* Confession of Faith.

And for Testification of my Obedience to my most Gracious Sovereign CHARLES *the Second, I do Affirm and Swear by this my Solemn Oath, That the Kings Majesty is the Onely Supreme Governor of this Realm, over all Persons, and in all Causes, as well Ecclesiastical as Civil; And that no Forein Prince, Person, Pope, Prelate, State or Potentate, hath, or ought to have any Jurisdiction, Power, Superiority, Preheminence or Authority, Ecclesiastical or Civil, within this Realm; And therefore I do utterly Renounce and Forsake all Forein Jurisdictions, Powers, Superiorities and Authorities.*

And do promise that from henceforth, I shall bear Faith and true Allegiance to the Kings Majesty, His Heirs and Lawful Successors; And to my Power shall Assist and Defend all Rights, Jurisdictions, Prerogatives and Privileges, Preeminencies and Authorities belonging to the Kings Majesty, His Heirs and Lawful Successors.

And I further Affirm and Swear by this my Solemn Oath, That I judge it Unlawful for Subjects, upon Pretence of Reformation, or any other Pretence whatsoever, to enter into Covenants, or Leagues, or to Convocate, Convene, or Assemble in any Councels, Conventions, or Assemblies, to Treat, Consult, or Determine in any matter of State, Civil or Ecclesiastical, without His Majesties Special Command, or Express Licence had thereto; or to take up Arms against the King, or those Commissionated by Him; And that I shall never Rise in Arms, or enter into such Covenants or Assemblies.

And that there lies no Obligation on me from the National Covenant, *or the* Solemn League or Covenant, *so commonly called, or any other manner of way whatsoever, to endeavor any Change or Alteration in the Government either in Church or State, as it is now Established by the Laws of this Kingdom; And I Promise and Swear, That I shall with my utmost Power Defend, Assist and Maintain His Majesties Jurisdiction aforesaid; And I shall never decline His Majesties Jurisdiction, as I shall answer to God.*

And Finally, I Affirm and Swear, That this my Solemn Oath is given in the plain, genuine Sense and Meaning of the Words, without any Equivocation, Mental Reservation, or any manner of Evasion whatsoever; And that I shall not accept or use any Dispensation from any Creature therefore.

So help me God.

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